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MIDLAND MAN SENTENCED ON FEDERAL FIREARMS CHARGES

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that in Midland, Texas, 56-year-old John Bruce McGill was sentenced to 57 months in federal prison on charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

McGill was arrested on August 1, 2003, in connection to a domestic violence incident and was found to be in possession of a Taurus .357 pistol and a loaded Remington .22 rifle. McGill has prior felony convictions for Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Escape from Jail, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle and Felony Driving While Intoxicated. McGill pled guilty to the charges on September 26, 2003.

This case was investigated by the Midland Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. This case was prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorney John Klassen.

The prosecution of this case is another example of how the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas is implementing the Department of Justice's new gun crime initiative - Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN). Modeled after the success of Project Exile, Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nationwide federal initiative designed to reduce gun violence in our communities. PSN promotes partnerships among federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to target violent criminals who use guns and insures that when an armed criminal is arrested, that individual will face swift criminal prosecution and be exiled from the community through the use of stiff mandatory prison sentences.

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